



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, February 16, 2010

5:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Jackson and Councilmember Kilgore

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Convened into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Harper and Councilmember Jackson were not present during Executive Session.

- 2A. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and §551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property) for Miller Road Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition and negotiation policy. (10 minutes)

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Reconvened into open session at 5:40 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION ITEMS (5:40 P.M.)

Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto presided over the Work Session.

Councilmember Jackson arrived during the Work Session at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Harper arrived during the Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

3A. Joint meeting with the Animal Shelter Advisory Board. (10 minutes)

Katherine Rinz, member of the Animal Shelter Advisory Board introduced the members of the Board that were present. Presented the Council with the Board's accomplished goals, which included fee reductions, created a Bite Brochure, conducted rabies and micro-chipping clinics, held an annual Adopt-a-thon and created a tethering ordinance. For 2010, the Board has numerous goals including discussing the need for a cat containment ordinance, the need for advertising and signage, the current leash ordinance, discuss a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a dog park, and much more.

3B. Update on the new Diversity Day event from the Downtown Special Event Series. (15 minutes)

Staff gave Council an update regarding Diversity Day. Staff stated the event will occur on Saturday, April 24th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Rowlett Community Centre. Stated the overall expectation is for each represented country to display items native to their country, give a fun fact, dress in their native dress and teach participants about their native culture.

3C. Update and presentation of new web site. (40 minutes)

Staff gave Council an update regarding the City's new website. On March 1st, the citizens of Rowlett will have two-way communication with City staff. The goal was to recreate the way the City presents information to its citizens and provide a way for the citizen to communicate with the City. Staff gave the Council an overview of the actual website.

3D. Discuss proposed modifications to the Temporary Food Permit Policy. (10 minutes)

Staff briefly spoke with Council regarding modifications to the Temporary Food Permit Policy and the requirements of the policy.

3E. Presentation of the Police Department's Annual Traffic Contact Report for 2009. (10 minutes)

Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council concerning the Annual Traffic Contact Report for 2009.

- 3F. Hear Quarterly Investment Report for period ended December 31, 2009. (10 minutes)**

Staff presented the Quarterly Investment Report for period ended December 31, 2009 to the City Council.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)

Convened into the Council Chambers at 7:38 p.m.

5. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gottel.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harper.

7. TEXAS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harper.

8. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 8A. Proclamation recognizing February 14 through February 20, 2010 as Engineer's Week.**

Mayor Harper presented Dennis Abraham, City Engineer, with a proclamation recognizing Engineer's Week.

- 8B. Proclamation recognizing February 21 through February 27, 2010 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.**

Mayor Harper presented Assistant Police Chief Lamar Evans, Assistant Fire Chief Don Poovey and President of the Rowlett Citizens Corp Council Whitney Laning with a proclamation recognizing Severe Weather Awareness Week.

- 8C.** Update from the Mayor: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest, and Items of Community Interests.

Mayor Harper gave a brief update to the Council on the various activities in the City including Early Voting, the updated City website to go live on March 1st, the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program, the monthly drawing for the Local Stimulus Program to continue through June, the various Community Centre programs, the various Capital Improvement Projects, the City of Garland landfill issue, the Rowlett Road streetlights, the Rowlett High School Band Booster Dinner and Silent Auction on February 19th, Special City Council Meeting on February 23rd, Congressman Sam Johnson will have a traveling art exhibit at the City of Rowlett from March 15th through March 19th, the North Texas Tollway Authority Board of Directors Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on March 24th, the Eggstraordinary Egg Hunt on the front lawn in front of the Library and City Hall on March 27th, and the Diversity Day to be held at the Community Centre on April 24th.

9. CITIZENS' INPUT

This item followed the Consent Agenda.

No one spoke during Citizens' Input.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda followed Item 8C.

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

City Secretary read the items into the record.

- 10A.** Consider approving minutes from the February 2, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 10B.** Consider approving an Order calling the General Election for Saturday, May 8, 2010 to elect a Mayor and Councilmembers for Place Two, Place Four and Place Six and any possible resulting run-off election to be held on June 12, 2010.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 10C. Consider a resolution accepting the Police Department's Annual Traffic Report for 2009.

This item was approved as RES-011-10 on the Consent Agenda.

- 10D. Consider a resolution approving the current general prevailing wage rates as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. Section 276a et seq.) and its subsequent amendments for Public Works and Building Construction projects for the City of Rowlett, amending and superseding the rates adopted by Resolution Number RES-169-05.

This item was approved as RES-012-10 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto, seconded by Councilmember Jackson, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 – Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Jackson, and Councilmember Kilgore

11. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

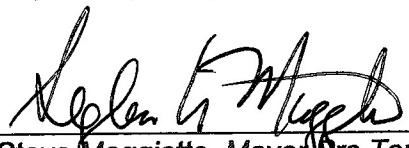
There were no items for individual consideration.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

No action followed the Executive Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Harper adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.


Steve Maggiotto, Mayor Pro Tem


Susie Quinn, City Secretary

Date Approved: March 2, 2010